



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-First Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 20-22, 2016  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/16-01

Title: Address Drug Abuse

By: Juneau Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of the top ten states for illicit drug use, and Southeast Alaska continues to experience the effects of drug dependency; and

WHEREAS, Indian Health Service reported drug-related deaths among American Indians and Alaska Natives increased from five per 100,000 population (adjusted) in 1989-1991 to 22.7 per 100,000 in 2007-2009. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the rates of death from prescription opioid among American Indian or Alaska Native increased almost four-fold 1.3 per 100,000 in 1999 to 5.1 per 100,000 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, prescription drug opioids include medications like hydrocodone, oxycodone, and morphine; which over usage has led to addiction, in which, 4 out 5 heroin users state they started with opioid drug dependency; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation (SEARHC) has engaged in preventative efforts including prescription drug monitoring, treatment and behavior health practices; and

WHEREAS, to combat this epidemic tribal communities and services must actively participate in education and awareness, preventative practices and provide supportive rehabilitative environments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indians Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 20-22, 2016 hereby requests Central Council actively engage in a partnership with SEARHC, service area communities, national and local partners to develop a community action campaign to educate, prevent and combat drug abuse in our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this campaign will also identify rehabilitative support and environments.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2016, by the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

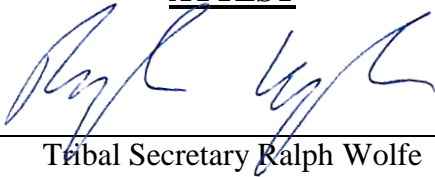
**CERTIFY**



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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**



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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe